

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

March 27, 2019

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2019-2-E

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

2019-229

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2019-2-E - Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs for South Carolina Electric & Gas Company - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration the Motion to Bifurcate Proceeding Filed on Behalf of the South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, Incorporated.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Move that we grant the Motion to Bifurcate as proposed by the Solar Business Alliance and as supported by the Office of Regulatory Staff and the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy. The matter of variable integration costs, and their potential impacts and interrelationship with avoided cost rates, is a complex and unique consideration for a fuel proceeding. It has become apparent through the support for bifurcation of this issue – and the support for leaving the current avoided cost rates in place until a separate hearing can be established – that the parties would benefit from additional time to prepare and present their respective cases as to these recently introduced issues.

It is argued that leaving the old PR-2 rate in effect may result in overpayment to new applicants wishing to utilize the rate, however, as stated by the movant, and uncontradicted by any other party, “there appears to be little danger that this would result in ratepayers being stuck with excess costs as a result of the PR-2 tariff remaining in effect” for an additional period of time. In support of this statement, the movant represents that the “SBA is unaware of any QFs that have contracted under the current PR-2 rates, and SCE&G has likely not filed any PPAs under the current rates.”

Therefore, in consideration of the complexity of these issues and due to the support for holding a proceeding specific to these issues, I move that we approve bifurcation of Docket No. 2019-2-E as requested.

PRESIDING: RandallSESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

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BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ERVIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

